Accountant General,
Central Revenues,
Treasury Buildings,
Calcutta, the 6th August 1920

My dear Mirza,

I have asked the Superintendent, Government Press, Bangaloro, to send on my behalf for His Highness' the Maharaja's gracious acceptance a copy of my book on 'Agricultural Insurance'. I request that when it is received you will kindly place it on His Highness' table. I have written to Mr. Kanta Raja Urs to give the scheme formulated in the book a trial in the Mysore State and I have no doubt that he will do what is necessary in due course.

The Government of India have posted me as officiating Accountant General, Central Revenues with headquarters in Calcutta. My office is in the central block of the Treasury Buildings to the west of the Governor's Palace. From my own room in the office, I can see the historic Town Hall which is being got ready for meetings of the reformed Legislative Council of Bengal. It is so near that the speeches of some of our loudor legilator orators would perhaps be audible from my seat!

The Comptroller General and the Finance Minister were here lately and I had occasion to see them both and discuss various matters.

His Highness who takes such kind interest in my welfare will perhaps be pleased to hear that since I left Mysore about this time last year, the Calcutta University has conferred a Doctorate on me. Some eminent scientist friends here have proposed me for a Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

After eleven years' residence in your bracing climate, I find the change to Calcutta rather trying. Sometimes I wish that I could be back amongst my old friends in Mysore in the calm and serene atmosphere of His Highness the Maharaja's fascinating influence! To have come into contact with his inspiring and magnetic personality is the highest blessing that I have obtained from my eleven years' connection with Mysore!

An intimate friend of my College days, Bhupendra Nath Mitra, called on me a few days ago. His visit reminded me how some of my friends in British service got ahead of me during the time I was away in Mysore. Bhupen and I were both

both in the Presidency College, Calcutta, during the whole of our college career. He was below me in the M.A. and was my unsuccessful competitor in the Primchand and Roychand studentship and the Finance Department entrance Examinations. We entered the Finance Department together I as an officer of the enrolled list and he as a subordinate. He afterwards got promotion to the enrolled list and when in 1908 I left for Mysore he was far below me in the list. When I returned to the department in 1919 I found my friend in a higher position. He is permanent Military Accountant General on Rs.2.500/- and as officiating Financial Adviser to the Government of India on military matters receives Rs.3.000/- a month. For some time he was drawing Rs.3.500/-. He is a C.I.E. and C.B.E. and is an additional Member of the Indian Legislative Council. During the time I was working in Mysore, he was under the Government of India with the result that he has been able to work his way up in British service. I mention this merely to show how on my return to British service from Mysore I have, as it were, to make a fresh start. In the absence of an official hall-mark easily recognized and understood in British India, I do not get any credit in

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British service for my eleven strenous years of work in Mysore. Please do not think that I am saying anything in the way of complaining or grumbling. What has happened is perhaps natural and I have no reasons to complain. If, at any time, I get a chance of going back to Mysore, perhaps the lost ground may be made up, but let the future rest on the lap of the Gods!

My emoluments as officiating Accountant General as at present calculated is about Rs.2.000/- a month. A re-organization of our department has been sanctioned by the Secretary of State and will have retrospective effect from February last. Under that scheme my permanent emoluments in Calcutta will be over Rs.1.900/- a month and those as officiating Accountant General about Rs.2.250/- a month. You will remember that when at the close of my last term of office in Mysore, I suggested that my remuneration for a fresh term might be Rs.2.500/- a month, it was considered in some quarters that the amount was somewhat excessive. It will be seen from the figures that I have just now given that it was not so. The remark that the pay suggested by me was excessive was communicated to me in the name of His Highness

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and it pained me to think that a decision which implied that I was avaricious and made an excessive demand was so communicated. Now that facts and figures are forthcoming to show that the terms suggested by me were not excessive in any way, I request you to kindly do me the favour of removing any wrong impression which His Highness may have formed on the subject.

Trusting that this will find you all in the enjoyment of excellent health and with best wishes.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

J.S. Chakravarti

To

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the Maharaja of Mysore,

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